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MILITARY CAMPS/STORAGE AND VEHICULAR ACTIVITY
PHONG THO AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2231N 10321E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

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THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS SEVERAL MILITARY/STORAGE AREAS AND EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE OF VEHICULAR ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE PHONG THO AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM.

2. MISSION READOUT:

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF PHONG THO, NORTH VIETNAM, ON ROUTES 604 AND 132:

- A. TRUCK PARK 4.4 NM WSW OF PHONG THO AT 2032N 10317E (UTM UK236930) CONTAINS ONE TRUCK, TWO POSSIBLE TRUCKS, AND SEVERAL VEHICLE PARKING SLOTS. TWO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ON ROUTE 604, 1.6 NM SOUTH OF THIS TRUCK PARK AT 2030N 10316E (UTM UK224902).
- B. TRUCK PARK/STORAGE AREA 3.8 NM WEST OF PHONG THO AT 2032N 10317E (UTM UK248935) CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX DISPERSED BUILDINGS, THREE CARGO TRUCKS AND NUMEROUS VEHICLE PARKING SLOTS.
- C. ROAD SERVED STORAGE AREA 3.5 NM WEST OF PHONG THO AT 2032N 10318E (UTM UK253933) CONTAINS AT LEAST SEVEN DISPERSED BUILDINGS.
- D. LARGE IRREGULARLY SHAPED MILITARY CAMP/STORAGE AREA, LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 604, 1.9 NM WEST SOUTHWEST OF PHONG THO AT 2231N 10320E (UTM UK285907), CONTAINS AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE DISPERSED BUILDINGS,

FIFTEEN VEHICLE PARKING SLOTS AND ROW CROPPING.

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- E. TRUCK PARK/STORAGE AREA 1.4 NM SOUTHWEST OF PHONG THO AT 2230N 10320E (UTM UK299901) CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE BUILDING AND FOUR CARGO TRUCKS.
- F. ROAD SERVED PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION CAMP 2.2 NM SSW OF PHONG THO AT 2229N 10320E (UTM UK302885) CONTAINS AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE DISPERSED BUILDINGS.
- G. ROAD SERVED MILITARY CAMP/STORAGE AREA 1.2 NM SOUTHWEST OF PHONG THO AT 2230N 10321E (UTM UK304906) CONTAINS AT LEAST FIFTEEN DISPERSED BUILDINGS. TWO POSSIBLE TRUCKS AND PERSONNEL TRENCHING.
- H. ROAD SERVED STORAGE AREA 0.9 NM WEST OF PHONG THO AT 2231N 10321E (UTM UK302921) CONTAINS AT LEAST SEVENTEEN DISPERSED BUILDINGS.

3. REMARKS:

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF FEBRUARY 1966 REVEALED A HIGH LEVEL OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION, MOST OF WHICH WAS IN MID-TO-LATE STAGES OF COMPLETION, IN THE VICINITY OF PHONG THO, LAO CAI, AND YEN BAI.

A NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER MEMORANDUM (NIC NO. S-6-1973,

16 SEPTEMBER 1966) FOR THE WATCH COMMITTEE STATED THAT THE CONCURRENT

TRANSPORT/COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTHWEST NORTH VIETNAM

STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT AN LOC IS BEING PREPARED WHICH IS INTENDED

PRIMARILY TO FACILITATE CHINESE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE

AND/OR A FUTURE MOVEMENT OF CHINESE GROUND FORCE UNITS INTO NORTH

VIETNAM AND LAOS.

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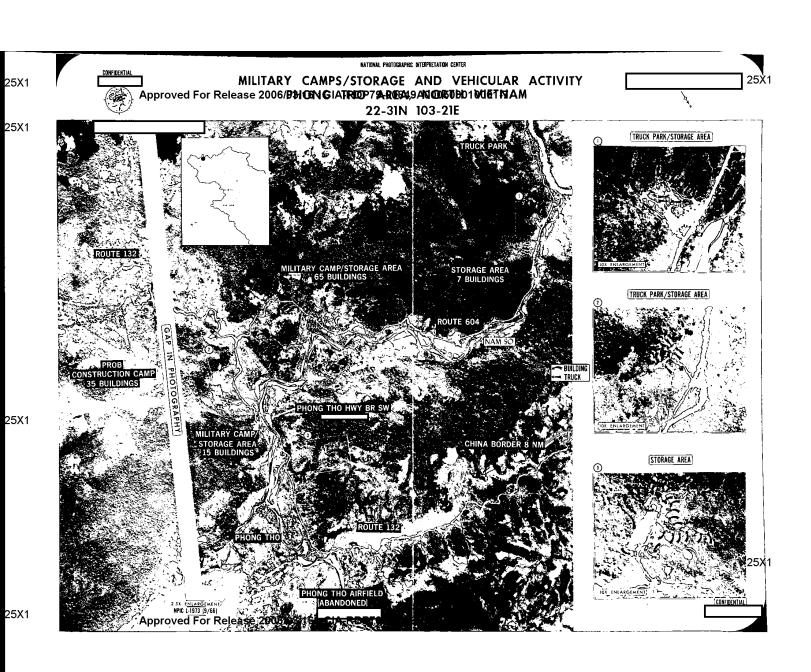
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